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CANADIAN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The Canadian Mathematics Olympiad, established under the patronage of the Governor General, will hold its first competition on Wednesday, May 21 at centres throughout Canada. The competition will be open to 187 high school students chosen on a provincial basis, 50 of them from Quebec. The Quebec competition to select candidates will take place on Tuesday, April 15.

The Olympiad is sponsored by the Canadian Mathematical Congress in collaboration with the Canadian Society of Actuaries and the Canadian Association of Mathematics Teachers. It is designed for students of high mathematical ability in secondary schools and colleges with up to twelve years of schooling.

First prize will be an Inco scholarship of \$6,000 given in yearly installments of \$1,500 if the winner studies at a Canadian university and his standing continues to be satisfactory. Second prize will be a London Life scholarship of \$1,000. There will be three prizes of \$500, five prizes of \$200, and 20 honourable mention certificates. The names of the top 30 candidates and their schools will be published.

The examination for the Quebec Mathematics Competition will last for three hours and take place in the students' own schools. It will be based on knowledge of arithmetic, elementary algebra, elementary geometry and analytical geometry of the straight line and circle, and trigonometry. There will be a first prize of \$100, second and third prizes of \$50 each. In addition, the Sun Life Insurance Company will award \$250 each to the three winners. Sixteen regional prizes of \$25 each will also be awarded.

Quebec organizers of the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad are Professor F.W. Bedford of Sir George Williams University, President of the Quebec Association of Mathematics Teachers, and Professor R. Brossard of the University of Montreal. Professor Brossard is also president of the committee organizing the Quebec Mathematics Competition, which consists of eleven members responsible for mathematics teaching in universities, CEGEP's and high schools.

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